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Letter dated 6 January 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit the text, in English and French, of a statement of the European Community and its member States on the deportation of 12 Palestinians from the occupied territories, issued on 4 January 1992 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35 and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Fernando REINO
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Permanent Representative of
Portugal to the United Nations

ANNEX

Statement on the deportation of 12 Palestinians from the occupied territories issued by the European Community and its member States on 4 January 1992

The Community and its member States express their grave concern following the recent decision by the Israeli Government to deport 12 Palestinians from the occupied territories, an illegal decision with regard to international law, in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention.

The Community and its member States strongly reiterate their demand for Israel to fully meet with its obligations towards the residents of the occupied territories and to abide by the provisions of the Fourth Geneva Convention. They condemn violence from whatever quarters it may come and call upon the parties concerned to refrain from taking any measures which would risk to jeopardize the peace process.